

SEC. 756. Section 306(a)(20) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(20)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) RURAL BROADBAND.—The Secretary may make grants to regulatory commissions in States with communities without dial-up internet access to establish a competitively neutral grant program to telecommunications carriers that establish facilities and services which, in the commission’s determination, will result in the long-term availability to rural communities in such States of affordable broadband telecommunications services which can be used for the provision of high speed internet access.”.

SEC. 757. In accordance with the Farmland Protection Program, a total of \$720,000 shall be made available to purchase conservation easements or other interests in land, not to exceed 235 acres, in Adair, Green, and Taylor Counties, Kentucky: Provided, That \$490,000 of this amount shall be from funds made available to the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program for the State of Kentucky.

SEC. 758. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the City of Caldwell, Idaho, shall be eligible for grants and loans administered by the Rural Housing Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for a period not to exceed one year from the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 759. Section 8c(1) of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 is amended by adding the following provision at the end of the penultimate sentence:

“The Secretary is authorized to implement a producer allotment program and a handler withholding program under the cranberry marketing order in the same crop year through informal rulemaking based on a recommendation and supporting economic analysis submitted by the Cranberry Marketing Committee. Such recommendation and analysis shall be submitted by the Committee no later than March 1 of each year.”.

SEC. 760. Section 11(f) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(f)) is amended by—

(1) in paragraph (1)(E), by striking “2001” and inserting “2003”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate—

“(i) not later than January 1, 2003, an interim report on the activities of the State agencies receiving grants under this subsection; and

“(ii) not later than January 1, 2004, a final report on the activities of the State agencies receiving grants under this subsection.”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “report” and inserting “reports”.

SEC. 761. From the amount appropriated to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, \$300,000 shall be provided for activities regarding West Nile Virus, in cooperation with the University of Illinois.

SEC. 762. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the City of Mt. Vernon, Washington, shall be eligible for grants and loans administered by the Rural Housing Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for a period not to exceed one year from the date of enactment of this Act.

This Act may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002”.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 490 through 503; that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Kent R. Hill, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

J. Edward Fox, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

E. Anne Peterson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

John F. Turner, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Joseph M. DeThomas, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Estonia.

Brian E. Carlson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Latvia.

John N. Palmer, of Mississippi, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Portugal.

John Malcolm Ordway, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Armenia.

Bonnie McElveen-Hunter, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Finland.

Robert V. Royall, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Margaret K. McMillion, of the District of Columbia, Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Rwanda.

Wanda L. Nesbitt, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Madagascar.

Clifford M. Sobel, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Cameron R. Hume, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class

of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of South Africa.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

PASSAGE OF S. 1510 VITIATED AND INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Senate passage of S. 1510 be vitiated and that the measure then be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002—Resumed

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Kohl amendment, which is at the desk, to H.R. 2330, be in order, notwithstanding passage of the bill, and that the amendment be considered and agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 2037) was agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2037

(Purpose: to amend H.R. 2330)

H.R. 2330, as passed by the Senate on October 25, 2001, is amended as follows:

On page 13, line 6, strike “\$542,580,000” and insert “\$542,842,000”.

On page 13, line 15, strike “\$84,040,000” and insert “\$84,850,000”.

On page 13, line 25, strike “\$134,262,000” and insert “\$134,452,000”.

On page 15, line 24, strike “\$434,038,000” and insert “\$433,546,000”.

On page 39, line 23, after “depression” insert the following: “(P.L. 106-387), with five percent for administration and capacity building in the state rural development offices”.

On page 81, line 1, after “sistance” insert “relating”.

On page 88, line 3, strike “(e)” and insert “(c)”.

On page 89, strike Section 757 on line 1 through 8 and insert:

“SEC. . In accordance with the Farmland Protection Program, a total of \$720,000 shall be made available to purchase conservation easements or other interests in land, not to exceed 235 acres, in Adair, Green, and Taylor counties, Kentucky: Provided, That \$490,000 of this amount shall be from funds made available to the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program for the State of Kentucky.”.

On page 89, after line 8, insert the following:

“SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the City of Caldwell, Idaho, shall be eligible for grants and loans administered by the Rural Housing Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for a period not to exceed one year from the date of enactment of this Act.”.